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NORTHEAST RE PREPARE FOR WINTER TRAFFIC

Mukden -- Li K'e-wei, of the office of the Ministry of Railway's Special Commissioner in the Northeast, reported that the Northeast railways have completed the preparations which were begun in August 1950 to be in good condition to handle the heavy traffic anticipated during the coming

By the end of September 1950, the completed work included: 191 pieces of new construction facilitating freight transportation and 67 repair projects. All equipment and tools for handling freight had been procured according to plan, with the exception of tarpaulin to prevent damage from rain and dampness, and procurement of this is being expedited. Outdoor storage space has been cleared of rubbish, graded, and leveled for use. Over 80 percent of the work of reconditioning indoor freight forwarding warehouses has been finished. Equipment for switch towers and special signal lighting sytems are more than 90 percent prepared. Winter clothing for railway employees and heating equipment is complete.

Apart from individual articles in a few particular places, it can be said that, in general, fully adequate provision has been made to meet the needs of the anticipated winter traffic.

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